

The City of Richmond, with most of region's environmental groups, are celebrating Earth Day 2009, in conjunction with the James River Fish Festival, on Saturday, April 18th, 2009.

The festival will be located in the Old Manchester Area, adjacent to the Mayo Bridge and floodwall at the south end of Mayo Bridge, in a 6 block area from the James River & floodwall to Art Works (the 300 block of Hull Street), from 10am - 4 pm. An opening ceremony will begin at 11:30 am, on the City Showmobile stage, at in the intersection of Decatur and Second, just west of Carravatti's.

The Earth Day theme this year is More Fun, Less Carbon. It includes the James River Fish Festival (with Ralph White and James River Park System), music and food, tree give-aways, biking and walking events; an exhibition area with environmental groups and non-profits, green vendor areas, art and children's activities. Please visit our website at www.earthdayrichmond.org

All the major regional environmental groups will be participating:

the Sierra Club, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Alliance, Dominion Power

Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Tricycle Gardens, and the Richmond Local Food network, Cityspace Solar, the state departments of Conservation and Recreation

and Environmental Quality, and Forestry, Art Works, the James River Association, James River Outdoor Coalition, several City Departments, Ralph White (James River Park System

manager) with the Friends of James River Park, the Clean City Commission, the Cool Cities Commission, Better Housing Coalition , James River Green Building Council,

Richmond Audubon Society, Rockitz, and the Richmond Recreation and Parks Foundation and many vendors and entertainers.

We sincerely hope you and your group can join us for Earth Day !

Sincerely,

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